



## Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee

### Minutes

April 10, 2024, 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: Art Beaulieu, Community Member  
Gary Kennedy, Community Member  
Ed Laverock, Community Member (left at 5:03 p.m.)  
Colleen Lumb, Community Member  
Karin Bjerke-Lisle, White Rock Museum & Archives  
Representative (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)

COUNCIL: Councillor Ernie Klassen, Chairperson (non-voting)  
Councillor Michele Partridge, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

ABSENT: Bill Brooks, Community Member  
Helmut Gruntorad, Semiahmoo Arts Society Representative

STAFF: John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Rebecca Forrest, Manager of Cultural Development  
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number 2024-PACAC-023:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for April 10, 2024, with the following amendments:

- Include under Item 4, *Komagata Maru Recognition Options*, the on-table corporate report titled "Komagata Maru";
- Include under Item 7, *Home of International Artist Day*, the on-table corporate report titled "White Rock - Home of International Artist Day"; and,
- Remove Item 5, *Donation Offer - Gift of Stained Glass Image of Helen Fathers*.

**Motion CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number 2024-PACAC-024:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

**4. KOMAGATA MARU RECOGNITION OPTIONS**

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an overview of the on-table April 10, 2024 corporate report titled "Komagata Maru", which outlines options for the Committee to consider regarding how the City may choose to recognize the Komagata Maru incident. Following this overview, the Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion.

K. Bjerke-Lisle joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**Motion Number 2024-PACAC-025:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee:**

1. **Receive for information the corporate report dated April 10, 2024, from the Director of Recreation and Culture and the Manager, Cultural Development titled "Komagata Maru"; and,**

2. **Recommend that Council move forward with Option 3, Interpretive History Panel, as outlined in the corporate report.**

**Motion CARRIED**

5. **DONATION OFFER - GIFT OF STAINED GLASS IMAGE OF HELEN FATHERS**

In accordance with *Motion Number 2024-PACAC-023*, this item was removed from the agenda.

6. **STREET BANNER SELECTION PANEL**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided an overview of the next steps for the City's Street Banner Program, which involves forming a selection panel that is expected to meet in early May to determine the successful artist and art for the street banners. The panel will be comprised of five (5) members: two (2) members from this Committee, a member of the business community, and a professional artist from the community, all in voting roles, as well as the Manager of Cultural Development in a non-voting role. Committee members G. Kennedy and C. Lumb volunteered to join the panel.

7. **HOME OF INTERNATIONAL ARTIST DAY**

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an overview of the on-table April 10, 2024 corporate report titled "White Rock - Home of International Artist Day". The Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion regarding the suggested recommendation provided in the report.

**Motion Number 2024-PACAC-026:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the City endorse the select use of the phrase "White Rock - Home of International Artist Day," as determined by the Recreation and Culture Department and in consultation with the Communications Department.**

**Motion CARRIED**

8. **LIT BENCH UPDATE**

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update on the status of the donation offer of a lit bench from the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board (FVREB).

He noted that the City's Engineering team is open to the idea of placing the bench in the Five (5) Corners area when upgrades are completed in the coming years, which was suggested through Committee discussion during the March 13, 2024 meeting.

The suggestion to temporarily place the lit bench at either Centennial Arena or the White Rock Library, until it can be included at Five (5) Corners, was further explored through a roundtable discussion. Additional information about these two options will be brought forward by staff at a future meeting.

## **9. WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

### **9.1 Street Art Banner Working Group**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided a brief update about the status of the Street Banner Program, as previously discussed under Item 6.

### **9.2 Gateway Sign Working Group**

The Vice-Chairperson noted that the Committee's recommendation regarding funding and options for improvements to the gateway "Welcome to White Rock" sign, from their January 11, 2024 meeting, will be coming forward for Council's consideration at their April 15, 2024 Regular meeting.

### **9.3 Maccaud Park Placemaking Pilot Project Working Group**

It was noted that there are no updates at this time, as members are waiting to meet with staff to obtain further information around expected costs for their placemaking suggestions.

### **9.4 Walkways Working Group**

The Vice-Chairperson asked for an update regarding the timeline for the installation of informative signs at the north entrance of each walkway in the Walkways District, as previously endorsed by Council.

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to reach out to Engineering and Operations staff to acquire further information regarding the status of plans for the installation of these signs and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided a brief update regarding the Centre Street Walkway project.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to provide an invitation to Engineering and Operations staff to attend a future meeting to discuss the Walkways signage installation and the Centre Street Walkway project with the Committee.

#### **9.5 Murals Working Group**

G. Kennedy, working group member, provided an overview of information gathered by the group regarding suggested mural assessment criteria. Through research, the working group found that it would be realistic for the City to install two (2) new murals per year.

The Manager of Cultural Development reviewed a list of City-owned walls for potential mural placement, including the working group's suggested priority levels for each wall. Through discussion, the Committee agreed with the suggested priority levels, so the Manager of Cultural Development noted that she will incorporate this information into the draft five (5) year art plan, which she plans to bring forward at a future meeting once it is completed, for the Committee's review and feedback.

E. Laverock left the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

#### **9.6 Vacant Storefront Placemaking Group**

The Director of Recreation and Culture confirmed that the Planning and Development Services team is undertaking further research on this topic and will share more information when it becomes available. No further updates were provided by the working group at this time.

#### **9.7 Johnston Road Phase 2 Project Placemaking Working Group**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided an update regarding placemaking initiatives to be included within this project, primarily the inclusion of a crosswalk with art incorporated in its design. It was noted that further information regarding the selection panel for choosing the crosswalk art will be discussed under Item 11.

The Committee discussed the possibility of including additional placemaking within this project, such as enhancements to cement benches and sidewalks, which the Committee recommended during

previous discussions. Given the tight timelines for this project and the additional costs to be expected, staff noted that it may be challenging to incorporate more placemaking than the prioritized crosswalk.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Manager of Cultural Development to inquire about requirements (cost, timeline, etc.) from the Engineering department for further placemaking components to be included in this project.

### **9.8 Festive Season in the Business District Working Group**

C. Lumb, working group member, provided an update on the group's findings. She shared several ideas regarding types of décor and types of activities/events that could be included to enhance and highlight the festive season in the City's business district, which were discussed during a recent meeting of the working group, along with additional City staff and the Executive Director of the White Rock Business Improvement Association (BIA). It was noted that the City and the BIA would partner in the facilitation of this event.

The idea of a community event to kick-off the festive season in the business district was discussed, which was suggested for Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Staff confirmed that, as plans progress, this proposed event will need to go through the City's usual application process, as well as be brought forward to Council for endorsement.

### **10. WHALE WALL EVENT**

K. Bjerke-Lisle, Committee member, provided an update regarding plans for the Whale Wall event, noting that it has been scheduled for September 28, 2024, with an exact time still to be determined.

### **11. JOHNSTON ROAD CROSSWALK**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided an update regarding the artist call out and selection panel process for the crosswalk placemaking installation to be included in the Johnston Road Phase 2 project. The selection panel is expected to meet near the end of May 2024, and will consist of two (2) members of this Committee, a member of the business community, and a professional artist. G. Kennedy and C. Lumb volunteered to join the selection panel as representatives of this Committee.

Staff confirmed that once the panel meets and selects an artist, this information will be presented to Council for endorsement.

**12. BENCH AND DEDICATION PROGRAM**

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update on the City's bench dedication program, noting that out of 281 memorial plaques currently on City benches, 100 have expired past their ten (10) year timeframe. Given the sensitive nature of these memorial plaques that have been purchased by community members, there are numerous challenges with contacting owners about expiry/renewal options. Staff noted that the Engineering and Municipal Operations department, which oversees this program, is working on making improvements to their processes going forward.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to invite the Parks Manager to attend a future meeting to discuss the bench dedication program further with the Committee.

**13. DRAFT FIVE YEAR ART PLAN REVIEW**

It was noted that further discussion on this topic would take place at the next scheduled meeting.

**14. STAFF REPORT**

The Manager of Cultural Development provided an update regarding relevant developments and/or events happening in Recreation and Culture.

**15. INFORMATION**

**15.1 COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration provided the action and motion tracking document for information purposes.

**16. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**17. 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was previously approved by the Committee and was provided for information purposes:

- May 8, 2024;
- June 12, 2024;
- July 10, 2024;
- September 11, 2024;
- October 9, 2024; and,
- November 13, 2024.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in Council Chambers at White Rock City Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**18. CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 10, 2024 PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 6:05 p.m.



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Councillor Ernie Klassen, Chairperson

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Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk